is dead.

When the Democrats swallowed the Populists it acted as an emetic on Dave

McKinley and Bryan are both smooth-faced, and their tongues are both the same way.

parity with public credulity.

the crime of 1873 was committed.

The sad thought may occur to Dick now that the result might have been different had Mrs. Bland been sitting sp on the platform.

samp. It is there now,

coroner or two, at least.

It was in one respect just as we preflicted. It wil be remembered that we ne nominated at Chicago.

will be be a candidate for re-election if he is elected once. But Mrs. Bryan ts discreetly silent on this point.

Bryan is not a Populist. He is a ne would have been denouncing "the two old parties" these many days.

senting to meet himself half way. Even New York is now hot at Sena-

tor Hill. Hill virtually bolted. Teller has laid something of the same sensation. It doesn't pay to be a bolter.

where Bryan's Pop side shows up. A straight Democrat would never have McKinley will not alter his letter of acceptance because of anything that

happened at Chicago. McKinley believes the tariff is the issue and he will say so. Bryan is doing an immense amount of talking for so young a man. No his unimpeachable integrity, his solld

has ever had so much to say immediately after nomination. Just at this time Senator Peffer is

thoughts a minute. Peffer isn't a Democrat. He can't make himself one over Bryan's nomination. Teller and his crowd may after all run in Colorado and other western

states as silver Republicans for the as quickly as they threaten. While Bryan says he will not run a second time for the presidency, he did

not go as far as Pennoyer and announce that he would turn back into the treasury half the salary. The Pops wanted to be swallowed. They made their bluff that Teller had

to be nominated. Teller was not pominated but the Pops will indorse Bryan and be eliminated as a party. Kansas started the stampede for Bryan on the fifth ballot and Oklahoma.

ended it by nominating him. Kansas and Oklahoma are a trifle big on the horizon of the country all the time. Oklahoma has the honor of nominat-

ing Bryan for president. If by some chance Bryan should be elected be will believe. Bryan's nomination has not find only 317 men in Oklahoma who been accepted by the eastern Demowill all have to be appointed governor.

Dick Bland has been the leading silver figure in the country for years. No cept the tariff. For proof of this, see

The eastern goldbug Democrats who got nothing from the Chicago convention will not succeed in buildozing Me-Kinley into making the financial question the principal issue in his letter of

he is indebted in Kansas for the nom-'ination. These men will get the patronage. These men are, by the way, Democrats. What do the Pops really

The Democrats who became Populists never abused "both old parties." The great big row. Anna Diggs has al. The bitterness with which they assail-Republicans who became Populists did. And the Demo-Pops have swallowed and an independent national Pop ticket, only be recalled to understand the is- have to be issued almost annually. the Republican Pops.

Bryan of Nebraska, Is now called "the American Cromwell;" the "Cicero" who will put down the "Catalines," and also "Tiberius Gracchus," the tribune Democrats are threatening dire and of the people. It is likely that Bryan calamitous measures, including a secis only Bryan of Nebraska.

Bryan is a straightout free trader And the Teller men are hot and may refuse to support him. Teller has turned the Republicans against him. He may turn the Democrats against him. The ways of the bolter are hard.

a Democrat and not a Republican

M'EINLEY WILL NOT DO IT.

Populism is no longer dying out. It action of their party on the money plank, and its practical fusion with the Populist party, asserted their belief of acceptance, ignore the question of protection and declare for the side of goldbugism, by which he would hold the east solid for the Republican ticket. Free coinage of promises will not Drowning men catch at straws. But bring the Democratic party up to a for McKinley's leanings in the direc-"present standard" plank. McKinley's entire public record on the money question favors silver. In every vote and possible use of silver not only, but in open secret that he protested against In this, their hour of elimination, the the extreme language employed in sald we did not believe Pennoyer would majority of the masses of the people are for silver, at some ratio, as an absolute standard money, our nominee, after and taken care of. Bryan says under no circumstances in his letter of acceptance, should express his real feelings and convictions, without reference to the money powers of the east Atlantic reaboard states, which states will cast their electoral Democrat. Had he been a Populist votes for him in any event not only on account of protection, but from every other consideration. Governor Mr. Taubeneck, who declared that McKinley should practically declare in the Populists would indorse no nom- his letter of acceptance, that in view ince but Teller is now probably con- of the deplorable economic conditions of the country, and the almost universal demand of the people for a mone-

interpose his veto except for clearly constitutional reasons. There is that something in the makeup and character of Governor McKinley which invites universal confidence. There is that in his personal presence, in his self-contained manner, in his unvarying and ever consistent record, in managers who had counted upon the nominee outside of the Populist party and unwavering convictions of a lifetime, which constitutes him an anchor sure and steadfast. In the vulgar vernacular to "slopover" or to "go-offin a corner somewhere thinking ninety half-cocked" are impossibilities with headed Democratic should have some one whose convictions are like the flow of a mighty river, unobtrusive yet ever irresistably onward in the direction of the universal ocean of truth. The St. Louis convention has had its say and the nominee of the Republican national die in St. Louis next week. ite. Political changes do not work convention will have his, nor any flattery of interested, self-seeking Republican partisans, or the specious pleas of were sent home from Chicago overthrown and crushed, will swerve him from the right, nor influence him to say that which he does not believe, any more than there is danger that as president of the United States he would annul by a veto or otherwise the de-

tary reformation, that, under no cir-

cumstances nor in any manner would

he, as president, attempt to thwart the

desires of the people with reference to

sideration would be in such an event

in any act of congress. LOOK OUT FOR BREAKERS.

sires of the people as clearly expressed

The Pops are worried. The Democrats are worried. The Free Silver league is worried. There is a great show of confidence, and no little drumming and fiddling all along their lines of march, but the truth is, it's all makegrats, nor has it been indorsed by the southern Pops, who have been fighting the Democrats of the south. There is only hope for the Chicago ticket in the event of complete fusion of the Popusouth. Bryan suits the Pops of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa because the Pops of these states have the Pops of the south have been fusing with the Republicans, not with Demopill. Resides in the Indorsement of his reputation rest. Bryan at St. Louis the Pop party will lose its identity. All its schemes of moval became a party issue. The Demfiat and of government ownership must ocrats were defeated in 1860 by divigo by the board for Bryan, a northern son. The Republican party came into munerative prices. Democrat, and silver. These unpleas- power, and the war followed. For the ant reflections will confront the Pop time all other questions were subordileaders in their convention at St. Louis, nated to that of conducting the war and there will be found those who will to a successful issue. The Democracy The Populists can now see one thing, oppose any such fusion and any such was left with no issue except to critiready declared for a middle of the road ed the Republican war measures need If the Pops now go back on Bryan the sue of 1864. Of course every copper-Democrats of the western states will head, every southern sympathizer of In the meantime the single standard ond Democratic nominee.

prehensive. Reciprocity between the Larin American states and the United Republican platform affirms such pro- administration had consured. A Union will hardly do for the fushionable wo- of eastern Russia and of the provinces posed policy. Manufactures are no general, he had his grievances. His man to ape, as was done during the

States which twenty-five years ago were given almost wholy up to agri-The bolting goldbugs of the Chicago culture are diversifying their interests Democratic national convention, in anand in the southern states the manunouncing their dissatisfaction with the facture of cotton has made great progress. Instead of sending the raw staple north, to be manufactured in northern mills, the manufactured prothat Wm. McKinley, being confronted duct is now sold at home, and the surwith the situation, would, in his letter plus becomes a competing factor in the markets of other manufacturing states. This process wil go on with almost every kind of manufacture, and the older manufacturing states in no great

length of time will have lost what is called the domestic market. We must look abroad for new martion of silver the goldbug majority kets, and Central and South America Bryan was yanking builheads out a in the St. Louis convention would never muddy creek with a crooked pin when have tied him up so tightly in that markets once established will stand for was hopelessly defeated and Dema long time. In the near future there every speech made by him in congress | will be an all rail route from this counon that question he favored the largest try to the South American states, while we are nearer by water to them than Populism was a secession from the addition to urging international action is any other manufacturing country. Republican party, but it took a long voted to pass a free coinage bill over Our antiquated navigation laws and way around to get into the Democratic an Ohlo president's head. It is an our merchant marine interests must in this connection be looked after. The Republican platform emphatically declares for these enterprises also. South Demograts should be merciful and consade the Populists the nomination of a form, urging the use of the term "bi- wealth is the natural trade ally of this metallism." Recognizing that money country. That continent has much is the issue of the campaign, para- that we want which we do not produce, mount, and recognizing that the great and there is hardly anything manufactured by us which they do not want. With the Republican party once more in power these interests will be looked

DEAD PUZZLEFICATED.

On the march from "Atlanta to the sea," an old Georgia darky was discovered in a fence corner in the attitude of prayer, his eyes closed but his shoulder by the bayonet of an inquisitive forager, and asked what was the matter, he opened wide both his eyes and mouth and declared that he was "dead puzzleficated whether to pray to the Lord God Almighty or to General Bill Sherman." The negro's fix graphically illustrates that of the Pop party of Kansas. It had come to pass, from political dickering and selling principles for pap, that the Pops had completely absorbed the Democratic party Bryan says as president he will be the use of silver, as expressed by a ma- of Kansas, to the very last man save the "people's bired man." This is jority of congress, and that for no con- a few federal officeholders, and they had consented under cover. And the national Democratic party having in turn swallowed the Pops the average Kansas Democrat is pricking up his aricular appendages demanding that as the ticket will be Bryan and headed Democratic, that a different division of offices must be agreed to, which demand "dead puzzleficates" the Pop governorship and most of the state officers, as also the U.S. senatorship. It's Martin not Peffer now, and may be Overmyer and not Lewelling. As there can be no Pop ticket, why should Pops be given the offices? A ticket recognized Democratic timber in its make-up. There is no longer any Populist party. The men who composed it may rally and reorganize under some other name, but the Pop party in rational convention adjourns sine

DEMOCRATIC DEGENERACY.

The dispatches referring to the age a defeated Democratic contingent, who of Eryan, said that he was the youngest man by ten years of any man ever ls an error. George B. McClellan was in 1864 at the age of 37. His son Geo. B. McClellan, at the age of 33, now represents a New York City district in bolt from the Chicago nomination.

the time of their nomination may serve to recall the convention of 1864. Me-Ciellan had been in command of the armies of the United States He had not erushed the rebellion so soon as the radical Republicans had hoped. In fact he was charged with indecision and dangerous inaction He was relieved of the command. Military possessed the American people that burthened by its productions. The

But the question of McClellan's recratic party as a critic-even defamers | nineteenth century,

cern. It was against emancipation, and for the Union as it existed before secession-with slavery. Dare it say so? It took a bold stand. It declared the war to maintain the Union to have been a failure, called for a truce, that commissioners might negotiate for a union with fraternity. It was the pro-slavery sentiment, that controlled the convention. It was for union but against freeing the "niggers." It could not stem the tide. The war had practically been won. The Confederacy since the fall of Vicksburg and Lee's procity treatles and arrangements, and making him fame. Young McClellan ocracy for the time paralyzed, and many Democratic regrets that that platform of 1864 was ever adopted. There is a long step between the platform of 1864 referring to the war and that of 1896 concerning pensions. Democracy has not so much changed in Ladies' Waists sentiment but it has learned some Slaughtered. things through painful experience.

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Novelties.

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Once owning all of the gold and silver mines of the world, and controlling two continents, poor old Spain is now in the position of the creditless man who has left all his valuables with his uncle," pawning even the coat on his back and hat on his head, and who is at \$1 for your choice. wandering around in his shirt sleeves hunting for somebody who will give him enough for a square meal on his suspenders as security. She has staked her famous quicksilver mines with the Rothschilds, practically mortgaged them for a matter of \$17,500,000, has fitting rooms in the store. lips motionless. When touched on the farmed out her tobacco monopoly for an annual stipend, turned the stamp duties over to a company for a price, her state lotteries ditto, until now she practically has nothing left to spout. All this is done in behalf of what seems to the American observer to be the impossible, the subjugation of an island where even some of the women and children have turned soldlers.

IN CASE OF NO ELECTION. There is talk of a third ticket, a ticket to be put into the field by the goldbug Democrats for the avowed purpose of preserving the old organization. Such a third ticket would help the Demo-Pop national ticket in that it would carry away an element which will either vote for McKinley or stay at home. Ordinarily a third ticket would by dividing the opposition, help the Republican ticket. But not so in this case. However, if there should be three tickets in the field this year and none of them should elect a majority of the electoral college, the election would be thrown into the present house of representatives Each state would be entitled to one vote, and the candidate receiving the votes of a majority of the states would be declared elected The Colorado and Maryland delegations are a tie, while North Carolina has three Democrats, three Republicans and three Populists in the house Unless there should be a break in party lines the votes of these states would be cast blank. According to their representation in the Fifty-fourth congress, the following states would probably cast their votes for McKinley, if the election were thrown into the house: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, nominated for the presidency. This Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, named by the Democratic convention | Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island. South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washcongress, and was a delegate to the ington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Chicago convention and is red hot for a Wyoming. This is a total of thirty votes, or seven more than a majority. The ages of McClellan and Bryan at The Democratic candidate would re-

ceive the votes of twelve states.

WHEAT, MEAT AND FRUIT. It is estimated that from fifty to sixty per cent of the corn raised in the lower valley of the Great Arkansas last year remains unsold and unfed, because of the low prices of grain and meat. The wheat and outs harvest of the present critics have disputed his merit as a year are already harvested and the man suitable to command a large army. corn yield promises to be greater than Whether his treatment by the Lincoln that of last year. Hundreds of great administration was as just to him as fields in Sedgwick, Sumner, Cowley, it should have been has long since Reno and Harvey are already practicshould be too rabid for anything, ex- listic and Democratic forces, north and coased to be a question for serious dis- ally made, with a magnificent yield ascussion. The fame of Lincoln has so sured. This section of the state seems they would not be very patient with hay crop will be immense. As for been fusing with Bryan's party. But any wrongs of his administration to fruit it is an absolute drug on the marward General McClellan. The public ket. Peaches, plums and berries can mind believes McClellan to have been be had almost for the asking, with no crats, and Bryan will prove a bitter no great military chieftain, there let demand for apples. The Wichita market has been over-run with home grown berries and tons upon tons of fruit will be left to rot and go to waste in the absence of any demand at re-

JEANNE D'ARC A FAD.

A much needed work is a complete history of fads. It would prove a fortune to an enterprising author, or at indersement, and the result will be a cize the Republican war measures, all events to his publisher. This history, it is true, would take some years to compile, and a revised edition would

never forgive them or fuse with them | the north, and every believer in slavery | France, and all three reigning in the again. So it's not all plain sailing, naturally found his place in the Demo- world of ads in this, the end of the

of Lincoln's administration. The re- The Joan of Arc rage is not only in move. It was to prevent any Demo- the mystical, the wierd, the valorous, cratic general from getting the credit | the tmid, and above all, the tragic, to Blaine's Pun-American idea was right further it was to continue the war un- promises to grow into greater proporand bright. It was sound and com- til southern slavery had been abolished, tions than the others. From present This was the Democratic contention, indications, there will soon be an inand thus in 1864 they met in conven- satisfile demand for everything extant States is inevitable if we would save, tion. General McClellan represented with which the strange French girl arts and manufactures opened at Nizni conserve and enlarge our exports. The the person around which the Lincoln was associated. The gowns of Joan Novgorod last month. The products

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she wore a simple waist and skirt like It is an immense country, in length side, and fighting Meade or Grant on It is not generally known that in the and with an area of 4,826,320 square son were two very different things." little hamlet of Domreny in Lorraine is miles. A large part of Siberia is still standing the house in which Joan adapted to the cultivation of all the of Are was born. The garden is still grains grown in temperate climates, there in which she saw the vision com- and as the country develops the farmmanding her to go forth and drive the ers of the United States may have to Bryan's success, not the Populists. invading foreigners from her lands, meet keen competition in European Near by is the little church of St. Remi, markets from the grain producers of in which she prayed as a child, was the czar's dominions, with the Siberbaptized and confirmed and confessed ian farmers fixing the price of wheat to the priests. All the scenes of 450 and possibly offering it for sale at a years ago can be gone over there, for figure which the American producer in many ways the obscure hamlet has will pronounce ruinous. The farmers people are like the fiwins, poor in all, save been untouched by the vigorous hand of the west and south are now looking

Much that is fantastic and unreal has their products, but they will discover Houston been written about the Maid of Orleans in time that the increased production in and most of it unnecessarily, for the other countries which have heretofore is said. Historical Society of France owns drawn their supplies from America, many official records of what trans will determine the market value of ing at Guinris July is. pired during her time, and a patient grain, despite any system of finance examination of these give facts which which may be adopted in this country. are clearly beyond the pale of dispute. he inexorable law of supply and de-Of all these records the most interest- mand is the final adjuster of prices. ing perhaps is one of five manuscript Siberia has also rich mineral deposts, copies made of the evidence taken at including sliver and gold, and when bring an audience all knew and imagined and then some the trial of Joan, at which she was con- the new ratiroad has increased the fademued to die at the stake.

A GREAT COLLEGE.

We have just received from President the wealth of the czar's vast strentch Swensson the illustrated fifteenth anniversary edition of the catalogue of Bethany college at Lindsborg. The catalogue is a fine specimen of the printer's art and contains ninety-leght pages. It has thirty-four portraits and other great exammanders sink into sigillustrations, and withal reflects great credit upon the college. Bethany col- forth a deserved rebuke from the Philalege makes a specialty of its reliable delphia Press, which says: college courses, chassical and scientific, "General Less had very much in his the election that it warns the country to of its normal course, recognized by the favor; the South was prepared for war, which will break into our mana. state board, and of its musical con-servatory, easily the largest and best equipped in the west. It also has a splendid business college, with a short- a central government which put them hand and typewriting department add-ed, an art department in charge of a After Trilby and Napoleon comes

Joan of Are—all three products of during the year was 437. The total

As usual the Calabona pages are productly in maintaining his communication and as usual they will be those; he was fighting on territory of during the year was 437. The total European artist, a model school, etc. number of Alumni up to date is 213. Next academic year begins September 7th. Bethany celebrates its fifteenth anniversary in October. The festivimoval of McClellan was a political its infancy, but there is so much of ties will occupy five days. The beautiful and interesting catalogue will be mailed to anyone sending 4 cents for of suppressing the rebellion, and he delved no by the faddist that it postage to the president, Carl A. eral under anything like discumstations Swensson, Lindsburg, Kan.

The Russian national exhibition of of Central Asia and Siberia are here the spring of 1863; he never galoed a te (meaning Tener) and its effect on the convention. It was a Democratic convention and it sat down on Hill unwilltently and favored him when it could

| Convention and its effect on the convention and its at down on Hill unwillto the series and in the Bemocratic position. How it is the period of the convention and its at down on Hill unwillto the for union but displayed on a magnificent scale. In pictory after the death of Shonewall and the series and then Siberian real and Burnside and Hooker on the destroy of the convention and it sat down on Hill unwillto the series and capital the death of Shonewall factory after the death of Shonewall for union but displayed on a magnificent scale. In pictory after the death of Shonewall for union but displayed on a magnificent scale. In pictory after the death of Shonewall for union but displayed on a magnificent scale. In pictory after the death of Shonewall for union but displayed on a magnificent scale. In pictory after the death of Shonewall for union but displayed on a magnificent scale. In pictory after the death of Shonewall for union?

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about 3,200 miles, breadth, 2,000 miles, the aggressive with no S to free coinage to raise the value of at Chinago. Was this the work of Temple and of agriculture will greatly enhance going

of territory. LEE VERSUS JACKSON.

The recent attempt in Richmond, Va., to deity Robert E. Lee and make all were with the crowd that gave New York other great exammanders sink into sig. nificance by congerison has called the Democrats monitored Bryan. He forth a deserved rebuke from the Philadelphia Press, which says:

lines, and had comparatively little difhind him a people enthusiastically maw a blopcie go down the road. He had naised, among whom dissent or criticism, if it existed, dare not utter itself.

General Lee's evictories were gained General Lee's -victories were gained over second-cate adversaries; he never gained a picture of Wilkers Beyon, gained a victory over a first-class general under anything like circumstances was really a picture of Bryan. of equality. From the day when he the Oxinteena City Times Journal, as the Eagle charged him with being the other morning in connection with a complimentary notice of himself appearing in that

but they were all on the defensive; is a poor speller who writes correspondence never gained an aggressive victory—to the larger and leaders that the editor print his lease just as they are writted. The editor does it and they are writted. The editor does it and they are writted to the print his lease just as they are the warst because it and they are the warst because it is not be territoric. "General Lee gained many rictories,

It will be noticed by Populists who are feeling badly that it was the Democrats in Nebraska who jubilated over

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

The Oklahoma Populists, it is said, are manimously for Br, an and Sewell.

An Oklahoma elitor maye that the silver

John Martin of Ransas, will be the prin-

The editor of the Europero News a

Lessie Nibiack fixed himself with Bryan for me consultant at Nanki-Jeshefra, which is in the middle of Mongolia. The Earthoro News accuses a Populist cilities of transportation and opened up Nagie now for not being able to capture commerce, the products of the mines It is not plain how the Dencora a are going to win in Glichhoma. What is to become of the Wisby and Nagle quarter. The Manchester Journal says that the H. O. G. will touch the Book Island first

at North Pund Creek, when it does to build

It is the general opinion that potwith standing the Bryan communities, both the

As usual the Oklahoma papers are pro-testing against jumping into a mud-sing-testing against jumping into a mud-sing-